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The Parish of Rainham with Wennington
St Helen & St Giles with St Mary & St Peter

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September 2017

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Gift Days in September & October

Details of some Gift Days that we will be holding over the next two months to help with the restoration works for our church buildings.

WE HAVE TWO important developments at RPC and WPC that we want to move forward. At Rainham, one development is the purchase of soft pew seating [see sample in church] and the other is the repair work on the church tower. The pew seats will cost us £6000 and the church tower £63000 (of which we have raised around £5000 so far and hope to get some external funding to help). At Wennington, we also want to purchase soft pew seating, which will cost £3000 and in addition we have an urgent priority to demolish the existing hall, which will cost £11000.

We are going to have a "Gift Day" in September for the pew seats both at Rainham and Wennington and another in October for the church tower at Rainham and the hall demolition at Wennington. The idea of a gift day is that you prayerfully consider making a "substantial" monetary gift to the church towards the chosen projects and bring it on any of the Sundays that month as your offering/contribution. If possible we would like you to use the gift aid envelopes in church for this purpose. You may wish to just contribute towards one of the two projects, or both... however you feel led.

Remember, September is for pew seats, October is for RPC church tower/WPC hall. May the Lord bless you as you seek His will in this matter.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7





Summer Blast Holiday Club & Messy Family Day Feedback

On Wednesday 9th August we had a game/film night at the church hall for our teenagers. We had about 12 teenagers plus leaders. We played a variety of games, had some food together and some teaching. It was a great opportunity to bless them and encourage them as some of them are going to university and college very soon.

On Saturday 12th we had the Messy Family Day at the church hall and we also blocked off the car park for our usage. We had a number of wonderful helpers who really made a difference in how the day turned out. We had sports activities on the car park led by Linda, and we definitely saw a really competitive side of Henry that day.

We also had craft activities inside the hall based on the Disney film Moana. They made rafts out of ice cream sticks, they made

facemasks and painted and decorated them, and they also made crowns. Many of the kids were able to take the crafts home with them.

I think we had a great day engaging with members of the community and were able to provide an outlet and allow families to really get involved in games and activities. We are very much looking forward to reviving something similar to Messy Family day in the upcoming year.

On the Thursday and Friday before, we spent two days exploring the story of Moana, a Disney film based on a young girl destined to save her island. The first day we had five children and the second, 10. We sang, danced and acted, which culminated in a performance back in the church during the Sunday morning service. We had lots of fun and really believe that good seeds were sown in the children. The children and leaders are excited to do it again in the future.





Continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale. Thank you to all who have supplied clothes, shoes and bedding in the recent past. We now have bountiful stock and are unable to store any more. We will let you know if any needs arise for these items in the future. Please keep the new unwanted gifts coming, they do make a difference!

Dates for the Diary September/October

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Please make note of any diary entries that apply to you, and inform hosts if you're unable to attend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Services See Page # 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Wennington PCC Meeting 7pm WPC 24	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 7	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 1
Sunday Services See Page # 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 11	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC Togetherness 2pm St Helen's Hall 12	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship BCP Holy Communion 10am RPC 13	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Rainham PCC Meeting 7:45pm RPC 14	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 15	Harvest Lunch for CHI 12:30pm Trish's House 16

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Sunday Services See Page #	24	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Prayer Knight 7-9pm WPC	25	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	26	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC	27	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	28	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	29	MacMillan Coffee Morning 10am St Helen's Hall	30
Sunday Services See Next Issue	1	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	2	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC	4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	6		7
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Church Directory Update

WE ARE UPDATING the Church Directory for 2017. The Directory is for church family members who continue to worship at Rainham Parish Church or Wennington Parish Church, and have completed a signed contact slip. We are now working on the new Directories based on the confirmation and/or correction of details that you have provided to the Parish Office, and we are hoping to make them available sometime during September.

When the new Directories become available, only those whose details are in there will be able to have a copy (for data protection purposes), and we encourage you all to make sure you shred the previous version. We will let you know when the new Directories are available, and you will be able to collect them from the Parish Office.

Our Next Prayer Knights

On Monday 25th September at WPC, 7–9pm we will be having our next Prayer Knight. This will take the format of Wennington's "A Closer Walk with God" prayer events and the theme for the evening is Restoration. The next Prayer Knight after this will be at Rainham on Monday 30th October.



Harvest Lunch for CHI

THERE WILL BE a Harvest Lunch at Trish Nelson's house in aid of Christian Hope International on Saturday 16th September from 12:30pm onwards. Donations received for CHI will be designated for school lunches—£5 still provides a child with lunch for a whole term. All are welcome.



The latest issue of The Month is available for you to take from the back of church. In this Month's issue: Bishop Eloise will launch Lent Appeal, Robots and drones feature in lessons at impressive new East London school and Football fan Mike Lodge is the new Archdeacon of Southend. The Month is also available to view or download as a PDF from the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

Rainham
foodbank

Please note that donations placed into the FoodBank box at the back of church also go towards feeding the hungry of Rainham out of The Ship.

Services and Themes for September

A Statement of Faith

MOVING ON FROM last month, it is from a secure sense of belonging that we grow into believing. But what is it that we as Christians actually believe? A “Statement of Faith” is a summary of the key beliefs to which a group or organisation adheres. For Christians, our key statements of faith are the Creeds—the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. Developed at great ecumenical councils and intended as statements of beliefs by which every Christian should be bound, they are still used in our church services today. Differences in their interpretation have led to there being many Christian denominations today, but there are nonetheless some key things which are fundamental to our Christian belief:

- We believe in a God Who is creator and redeemer of the world; totally reliable and trustworthy; the Father of Jesus and of all believers. We believe that God is alive and active in the world and that the deepest possible expression of His character is love: He is a relational God, at all times wanting to be involved with us, His people.
- We believe in the universality of sin which broke our relationship with Father God. We believe in God the Son who became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world. Jesus is both

fully divine and fully human and, through His victory on the Cross, He broke Satan’s power and has complete authority over sin and death. Jesus is faithful to believers in all circumstances and, as the Servant King, is our model and example.

- We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who inspired Scripture and brings new life to the people of God. He comforts and sustains us and leads us into all truth (John 16:13). Promised by our Lord (John 14), the Holy Spirit always points the way to Jesus, equips us with power for service and helps us to pray (Romans 8:26–27).
- We believe that the Church is Christ’s Body here on earth, commissioned by Him to draw others to Himself and continue the Mission of spreading everywhere “the fragrance of Christ”. As Christ’s agent in the world, the church is committed to bring justice, reconciliation and peace to a world which is dark and devoid of these things.

While this is not a complete list of everything we believe, these four areas will form the basis of our teaching in the coming month.

Sunday 3rd

God the Father: The One who Cares
1 Kings 19:8–13a & Matthew 6:25–34
10:00am WPC Holy Communion
10:30am RPC Family Service
6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th

Jesus Christ: Grace and Forgiveness
Ephesians 2:1–10 & Psalm 145:1–13
10:00am WPC Morning Prayer
10:30am RPC Holy Communion
6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th

The Holy Spirit: Power and Authority
Romans 8:1–6 & Matthew 8:5–13
10:00am WPC Holy Communion
10:30am RPC Family Service
6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th

The Church: Justice and Mercy
Micah 6:6–8 & Mark 12:28–34
10:00am WPC Morning Prayer
10:30am RPC All Age Service
6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

September Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

12th September
Pauline Hills

16th September
Everet Bailey

23rd September
Belinda Pavitt

25th September
George Shaughnessy

And to all those who have not yet divulged their birthdays to us. Wishing you all of God's blessings for a special day.

If you would like a birthday mentioned in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office no later than the 3rd week of the month.

Family Matters

News from across our church family.

Thanks!

Those who helped with the Hall Refurbishment.

Those who helped with the Holiday Club.

Family

Congratulations to Nikki & Paul Randell, celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 3rd September.

And to Len & Iris Goodman, celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) on Thursday 7th September.

Epray

If there is anything that you would like the church family to pray for, please send your prayer request by email to the Parish Office.

If you don't have access to emails, feel free to call and leave a message so our Administrator can then email your prayer request to the church family.

For those at WPC without emails, remember to check the noticeboard at the back of church each week for updates. At RPC, check the prayer book.

We aim to include your prayer requests in at least one of the services on Sunday,

In order to develop our system further, can we ask that those with prayer requests also keep us up to date with any further information or developments. That way, your church family can be better equipped to know how to pray.

- St John's Church who are still in interregnum, that the right person whom God is calling there will emerge.
- The future of Rainham FoodBank who are looking for new premises.
- The ministry of Nick, our Youth Minister as he returns to Harris Academy for the start of their new academic year.

- The ministry, mission and fellowship of our Small Groups and those who lead them.

Prayer Points

News

If you would like to have a significant anniversary or event mentioned in the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office no later than the 3rd week of the month.

Small Groups

Weeks beginning
3rd & 17th September

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

Henry & Sheryl

Every day except Tuesdays

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Alan

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Shirley

At The Ship Centre only

David & Jan

Sundays only

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